



SEPTEMBER 2007



MOUNDS STATE PARK

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INTERPRETIVE CENTER HOURS - Daily 9:00am – 5:00pm

PLEASE NOTE: Programs are free of charge (except as noted) and open to the public after paying the park admission fee. **All programs begin promptly at scheduled times.**

PROGRAM LOCATIONS: **VC**–Visitor Center **VCP**–Visitor Center Porch **CG** - Campground
The public is encouraged to attend **Campground** programs. Park at the **Campground Entrance** and then walk up.

HP/HP – Healthy Parks, Healthy People. These programs highlight our quest for a healthy forest with healthy wildlife; and/or promote a healthy lifestyle through walking and hiking.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - LABOR DAY WEEKEND!

11:00am-BUTTERFLY GARDEN TOUR – The garden is only four months old and already we have eggs, caterpillars, and adult butterflies. We'll look at the beautiful flowers and insects they've attracted. **Meet at Pool House.**

2:00pm-POOL BREAK – Join us for a fun activity during the pool break. **Pool**

8:00pm-SENSE THE NIGHT - Learn to hike at night with out a flashlight by looking at how nocturnal animals behave. Join us for this fun moderate hike. **CG Showers HP/HP**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2- LABOR DAY WEEKEND!

11:00am-BUBBLES, BUBBLES EVERYWHERE! – Did you know that some animals are expert bubble-blowers? Find out how and why they do it, then make some yourself. **CG Showers**

2:30pm-TREE ID HIKE- Need to collect and identify leaves for your school project? Learn how to identify common Indiana trees during this hike. **VCP – HP/HP**

8:00pm-CAMPFIRE FUN! – Join us around the campfire as we play games, sing songs, and eat some s'mores. We're provide the treats, you bring the fun! **Campsite #3**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 - LABOR DAY WEEKEND!

11:00am-LUNCHTIME FOR CRITTERS – Help us feed the nature center critters. Watch them gobble down their favorite fruits, veggies, and of course worms! **VC**

2:30pm- AMUSEMENT PARK SEARCH – Discover how people a hundred years ago may have celebrated Labor Day. Join us as we go in search of the fun relics left behind. **VCP HP/HP**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 ** VISIT US AT THE ANDERSONTOWN POW-WOW**

10:00am – InShape INDIANA: DNR DAY WALK – Healthy Parks, Healthy People initiative gets people motivated about the benefits of daily physical activity. This 2.5mile walk will take you

along White River's banks and around the Mounds. Participants can meet starting at 9:30am at the Pool Parking Lot. Log on to the website <http://www.in.gov/inshape/> for a free gate entrance pass and t-shirt coupon. HP/HP

1:00-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN-This historic house will be open for the public to view and to see the plans for its future restoration.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 (con't)

8:30pm-SEEING STARS! - Take a look at the night sky and learn some of the folklore behind it.
Woodland Shelter

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 ** VISIT US AT THE ANDERSONTOWN POW-WOW**

11:00am-TURTLE TALK! – Calling all cold-blooded critters (alright, you warm-bloods can come too!) Meet the newest addition to our turtle family. VC

2:30pm-TREE ID HIKE- Need to collect and identify leaves for your school project? Learn how to identify common Indiana trees during this hike. VCP – HP/HP

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

6:30pm – FRIENDS OF MOUNDS STATE PARK – Want to be an active participant at Mounds State Park? Join us for the meeting of the Friends to discuss new projects and ways to support the park. Refreshments will be served. Meet at the Visitor Center.

ARCHAEOLOGY WEEKEND

September 15 & 16 - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

All activities held at the picnic area between the pool house and Circle Mound

- **Artifact I.D.** - Archaeologists will identify artifacts brought in by the public.
- **Hikes** – You won't want to miss this rare opportunity to go on an archaeologist-led hike.
- **INDOT** – Indiana Department of Transportation will talk about highways and archaeology. Don't miss the "Ask INDOT" hour where they'll talk about the mound discovered off of highway 32E between Yorktown and Muncie, and about the pioneer cemetery being moved from Castleton.
- **Kids Archaeology Dig** - Unearth the many wonders of Native American cultures.
- **Fruits, Roots, and Shoots** – Could you survive today as a hunter gatherer? Test your knowledge of edible plants, try using stone tools, and discover how every part of a deer was used.
- **Displays and hands-on tables**- Take a closer look at historic and pre-historic archaeology.
- **History of River Glass** – The color of glass tells you what year it was made, and glass rolled around in the river is smooth and beautiful. Make a colored glass bracelet to take home.

- **Pottery Activities** – Could you reassemble pottery shards to discover its shape? Could you tell when it was made by the decoration on the vessel? Could you make your own pottery? You can!
- **Time Capsule** – Bring an item no bigger than an index card and add it to our time capsule.
- **Artifact display by U.W.R.A.S.-** Come and see artifacts from Paleo-Indian to contact.
- **Atlatl Demonstration/Throwing-** Demonstrations and public participation of this ancient weapon.
- **Flint Knapping Demonstration-** See demonstrations of the ancient art of making stone tools.
- **Petroglyph Face Painting-** Learn about telling stories with pictures as you get your face painted with your favorite symbol.
- **Friends of Mounds State Park Booth** – Learn more about this wonderful volunteer group.
- **Local food vendor-** With food available, your family can be a part of the event all day long.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

11:00am-TREE ID HIKE- Need to collect and identify leaves for your school project? Learn how to identify common Indiana trees during this hike. **VCP – HP/HP**

2:30pm-RIVER HIKE – Get your feet wet as we hike into the river. Discover the biggest and littlest critters that call White River home. **CG Store – HP/HP**

7:00pm-AUTUMNAL EQUINOX – Join us for this evening stroll as we hike to the Great Mound. We'll watch the sun set behind Woodland mound and learn the importance of this date in Native American culture. **VCP HP/HP**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

11:00am-MAKE TRACKS! – You'd be surprised to know what wild animals roam the woods of Mounds State Park. Discover the answer by looking at their footprints. Cast an animal track in plaster to take home with you. **CG Showers**

2:30pm-"EARIE" CANAL – Join us for a hike to the "Earie" Canal bench down by the river. We'll sit for a spell and listen to the sounds of Mounds history. **VCP HP/HP**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 – AUTUMN HARVEST WEEKEND

11:00am – WOOLY BEARS – You know it's almost fall when you see that wonderful wooly caterpillar crawling across the road. Did you know they can predict the severity of winter? Make your very own wooly bear to take home with you. **VC**

1:00-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN-This historic house will be open for the public to view and to see the plans for its future restoration.

2:30pm – FALL HARVEST CRAFTS – Nothing ever goes to waste in nature. Let's make fun small crafts out of dried herbs, cornhusks, vines, and more. (\$1 Craft Fee) **VC**

7:00pm-FALL HARVEST GAMES – Join us for Scarecrow Relay Races, Musical Bales, Nutty Squirrel, and more! Prizes for all. **CG Showers**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 – AUTUMN HARVEST WEEKEND

11:00am-TREE ID HIKE- Need to collect and identify leaves for your school project? Learn how to identify common Indiana trees during this hike. **VCP – HP/HP**

2:00pm-DYEING FOR NATURE WORKSHOP – Nature provides an amazing palette of colors. Discover what pokeberry, walnuts, and sassafras leaves can do for fabrics and yarn. Bring a t-shirt, handkerchief, or other material from home, or we'll have some for you. (Craft Fee varies from \$1 -\$3.) **VC**

Find out how you can help support Mounds State Park by becoming a member of the Friends Group. Visit their website at www.MoundsStatePark.org or ask about it at the Nature Center (765) 649-8128.

